various export benefits as per para 3.5.2.1 of the Foreign Trade Policy; financial assistance to service exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) and Market Development Assistance (MDA) Schemes for export promotional/developmental activities.

Export of fruits and vegetables

†18. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of export of fruits and vegetables from concerned States during last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to augment the export of fruits and vegetables from concerned States;

(c) whether the percentage of export of fruits and vegetables from concerned States is satisfactory in comparison to this production;

(d) if so, the details thereof and what balancing measures have been taken in this regard; and

(e) the names of the countries to whom export of fruits and vegetables is made and the quantum of exports thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) State-wise details of export of fruits and vegetables are not maintained. Even though India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world its share of world exports of the same is very low. Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been making efforts to promote export of fruits and vegetable from India through schemes for financial assistance to exporters for setting up of cold storages, pack houses and other infrastructure. It is extending assistance for setting up of perishable cargo centres at airports. Transport assistance is being provided to exporters on export of specified fruits and vegetables. APEDA also participates in fairs and exhibitions abroad to promote Indian agri produce.

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(e) The quantity of fruits and vegetables exported to major importers of the item from India is given below

(Quantity: metric tons)

Country	2002-03	200304	200405	Country	2002-03	200304	200405
Bangladesh	146537.1	456138.8	478596.6	Nepal	44183.03	125078	120969.4
France	811527	598214	296226'	Netherlands	4575.27	5481.87	8866.91
Germany	2709.02	5806 36	2763.13	Saudi Arabia	16989.03	16337.8	15194.76
Kuwait	5146.32	7571.98	8624.55	Sri Lanka	136750.6	113126.2	104657
Malayasia	159351.8	177615.5	1627535	U.A.E.	38105.1	38934 84	50685.81
Maldives	6448.92	5027.57	528274	U.K.	17877.74	15877 06	16697.40
Mauritius	1398.77	4758.38	366549	USA.	23632.44	11915	7448.21

(Source: APEDA)

Increase in import of agricultural products

†19. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of agricultural products during last three years has increased in each years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the import of agricultural products;

(d) if so, whether Government have conducted any study regarding its far reaching consequences on our domestic agriculture and horticulture sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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